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—Rev. Clyde Hargrave, pastor

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—Rev. and Mrs. G. R. Morris
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Glasgow, Kentucky

The Kentucky State Prayer Conference will convene in the Catlettsburg, Kentucky, Church of God, which is just south of Ashland, Kentucky, February 23-25, 1959, Monday night through Wednesday night.

—T. A. Perkins, overseer

To all persons who write me for prayer in your behalf, please note that my new address is J. R. Holt, 3240 Scranton Road, Cleveland 9, Ohio.

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—B. L. Purvis, clerk

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Editorial

The Building-Blocks of Life

*One ship drives east and another drives west
With the selfsame winds that blow.
'Tis the set of the sails
And not the gales
Which tells us the way to go.*

*Like the winds of the sea are the ways of fate,
As we voyage along through life:
'Tis the set of a soul
That decides its goal,
And not the calm or the strife.*
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox

AT THIS SEASON all of us are given the makings of a new year. We have before us twelve months, fifty-two weeks, 365 days. What we do with these basic elements will make our year. The way we put them together will determine the completed product.

Suppose that two persons you know are entirely different; one is a useful and happy person, while the other is useless and embittered. Why are they so different? The common answer is that their circumstances were different—one was poor and the other "well off," one was lucky and the other unlucky, one got all the good breaks and the other all the bad breaks. This is shallow reasoning, for a life is not the product of chance alone.

Life is made up of many essential elements, building blocks with which each individual life must be constructed. It is how we put these elements together that determines what our lives will be. Give five persons an identical set of alphabet blocks and what they build will be different. With E, I, L, and V, one will put together LEVI, which suggests the priestly family of Israel, leaders of religion and worship. Another will put together VILE, the very opposite of right thinking and worship, and another may go so far as to make EVIL, the very enemy of all that is good and righteous. The fourth may put together VEIL, which suggests that which is hidden or mysterious, while the fifth puts together LIVE, that which is

alert, awake and throbbing with vitality and energy. See how the five persons took identical elements and constructed with them ideas that are entirely different. The difference is in the putting together, not in the element itself.

This can be developed further to show you exactly what I mean. In our English alphabet there are exactly twenty-six letters. No more, no less. Strung together in the order that they appear, they spell nothing, say nothing, do nothing—except burden the brain of the child that has to memorize them. And yet when these twenty-six letters are properly arranged they make great sense. All human learning and understanding is built into words, all great ideas are rendered into words made from these same twenty-six letters. Count the letters in the Word of God itself—only twenty-six little elements, properly put together, convey the mind of God to the mind of man. Give these twenty-six letters to John Milton and he will make the sublime *Paradise Lost* out of them; John Bunyan will put them together so that they make *Pilgrim's Progress*. Tom Paine used the very same twenty-six letters Milton and Bunyan used to bless mankind and put together his controversial *Age of Reason*; Charles Darwin put them together to frame his evolutionary *Origin of the Species*. Neither bad nor good is in the letters, only in the product they construct. Scripture and pornography are built out of the same twenty-six letters—they are only put together differently.

THERE ARE ONLY thirteen tones in the range of music. Properly put together they make harmony and beauty, improperly put together they create discord and cacophony. George Frederick Handel laid claim on those thirteen tones and fashioned them into the magnificent *Messiah*, music that lifts the soul and the senses and sends them soaring in inspiration and rapture. A man on Tin Pan Alley uses the same thirteen tones and makes music that appeals to the baser instincts of man and moves him either to lust, Godless revelry or even riot. The basic elements are the same; the difference is in how they are put together.

The same is true in art. Every color in the spectrum

is simply some combination of three primary colors: red, blue and yellow. These three primary colors are the building blocks with which Leonardo de Vinci created his masterpiece, *The Last Supper*; Hoffman created his majestic *Head of Christ*, Warner Sallman his contemporary *Head of Christ*. From the same three colors Rembrandt or Raphael could create beauty and reverence, or a Modigliani could create art so vulgar as to bring disgust, or the surrealists can create their monstrosities and disorder. The three primary colors are all the same in the hands of each artist. The determining factor is how they are used: how they are mixed on his palette and how they are spread on his canvas.

The elements of our lives are essentially the same. About the same things happen to us all. How these things are used by us is the determining factor. Naturally, when we begin to put the affairs of life in their proper places, it becomes increasingly easier for them to turn out right. If two men happen on identical situations—O, and D, and G—and one accepts those experiences in such a way that they lead him to GOD, and the other can see in them nothing more than DOG, then it is much easier for the very next element—O—to make GOOD for the first man and absolutely nothing for the second. Because they started out differently, good comes easily to one, whereas the other must rearrange his whole life before it comes to him—and yet the elements of each life are exactly the same.

When things work out right for one person and all wrong for another, many times it is because they started arranging the elements of life differently. When things are started right it is much easier for other things to follow right.

WHAT ARE THE building blocks of life?

They are the basic things that happen to us all. First in human experience we come to God. What we do here will determine the whole course of our lives. The decision at this point will decide what we finally are, although future affairs may be identical for those who accept God as their Lord and those who will not accept Him. A mile is a mile in the journey of life, but it means quite a different thing to those who are headed in opposite directions.

Just as the element of God comes to all human experience, so does the element of *prayer*. Like it or not, all men at some time or other pray—to God, to luck, to blind chance, destiny or whatever they call it. The building block is there and will in some way be used. The thing that counts is the manner and the frequency with which we use it. It will lead to quite different results for those who use it as a way of living, a regular communion with God, and those who use it only in times of fear, desperation or despair.

But we want to think of those who do accept the Lord and those who do properly use prayer. The building blocks that occur to us all are the things that determine even the kind of life we live for Him and in Him.

Take the element of *discouragement*. Rich or poor,

little or great, this element must be used by all. For some it is made to spell surrender and for others it becomes a challenge. Then there is *defeat*. For one it becomes the end and for another only the beginning. It is not that we become discouraged or that we suffer defeat, it is how we use them that counts. In art, blue is as essential as yellow; in life defeat and discouragement are beneficial because they toughen our fibre and give us true perspective.

Other elements of living are *victory* and *success*. All of us will experience these in some way at some time. For some they make haughtiness, for others humility; for some, satisfaction, and for others only a stepping stone. A man who will not be defeated by defeat has already won a greater victory than that which he lost. On the other hand, a man may be defeated by victory if he does not use it properly. *Sorrow* is a building-block of life, and so is *joy*. We must take hold of them and use them, and not be used by them.

There are other elements, but not as many as we might think, that go to make up life. It is these basic influences—and these alone—that are really important. The fringe influences, such as wealth and poverty, beauty and plainness, position and obscurity, do not count so much. What you are cannot be decided by fickle influences. What you are in life is determined only by how you use the elements God has given to us all.

*I know, as my life grows older,
And mine eyes have clearer sight,
That under each rank wrong somewhere
There lies the root of Right;
That each sorrow has its purpose,
By the sorrowing oft unguessed;
But as sure as the sun bring morning,
Whatever is—is best.*

*I know that each sinful action,
As sure as the night brings shade,
Is somewhere, sometime punished,
Though the hour be long delayed.
I know that the soul is aided
Sometimes by the heart's unrest,
And to grow means often to suffer—
But whatever is—is best.*

*I know there are no errors,
In the great Eternal plan,
And all things work together
For the final good of man.
And I know when my soul speeds onward,
In its grand Eternal quest,
I shall say as I look back earthward,
Whatever is—is best.*

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Best View Of The New Year

1959

FAITH

"ACCORDING TO YOUR FAITH BE IT UNTO YOU" — THE CHRIST (MATT. 9:29)

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RECAPITULATION AND PREDICATION

I THINK THAT THE ABOVE WORDS will adequately describe what I wish to set forth in this brief message. Recapitulation is a summing up of matters that have already transpired, and for that thought I have chosen 1 Samuel 7:12, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." I would like to use the word "predication" in this message as an act of affirming or setting forth a wonderful truth. Psalm 65:11 declares, "Thou crownest the year with thy goodness." These two texts declare in essence our experience of the past year and hold forth glorious promises for the coming year.

The children of Israel had gathered at Mizpeh to worship God. Hearing of this, the Philistines gathered to do battle against the Israelites. Taking advantage of the fact that the Israelites engaged in religious worship, the Philistines no doubt thought that it would be a good time to attack. The Lord, however, saw the plight of the Israelites and sent thunder to rout the enemy and wrought a great deliverance. Samuel set up a stone and by the stone testified, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." How like our own experience in the church this last year! On every occasion and in every battle, for every need and in every emergency we can shout aloud, "The Lord has helped us every time."

The Lord has helped us in caring for the homeless children. In the three homes that are operated, in North Carolina, South Carolina, and the general home in Sevierville, Tennessee, the Lord has helped us in feeding, clothing, and educating the children. They have been given instruction in the Word of God, prayed with and for, counseled, advised, loved, and petted to enable them to grow into stalwart, well-adjusted citizens of this country and good Christians. Surely the Lord has helped us with this work.

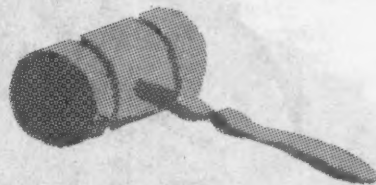
We can cry aloud "the Lord hath helped us" in our educational program for the Church of God. With four schools in operation there have been problems of finances, buildings, and a multitude of other problems. The Lord has helped us with increased enrollments, a new school plant on the West Coast, and schools in Minot and Canada, filling the needs of Church of God pupils seeking an education and a deeper walk with God.

The Lord has helped us in our Sunday School and youth work. With an average weekly attendance of almost 200,000 in our Church of God Sunday Schools

and with 245 new Sunday Schools and branch Sunday Schools organized in the last twelve months, surely the Lord has helped us. With thousands of youth filling our churches each week to worship and find instruction in the Lord, we can shout, "The Lord hath helped us." The devil does not have all the young people. Some have made a stalwart stand for God and the church through the efforts of dedicated men and women.

"The Lord hath helped us" in our mission program of spreading the gospel throughout the world. The past twelve months were times of gain in churches on the mission field. A net increase of 250 new churches on the field with an increase of 284 mission stations opened is grounds for rejoicing. With a mem-

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THE EDITORIAL MINISTRY

WITH THE BEGINNING of a new year the Editorial Department can look back upon twelve successful months and forward to twelve opportune months. The emphasis of the *Evangel* in 1958 was the world-wide Pentecostal testimony, featuring its story over the world. Particular coverage was given to the General Assembly, the World Pentecostal Fellowship, the story of the Pentecostal churches in North America and sharp profiles of our congregations.

Now the *Evangel* swings to a doctrinal theme for 1959. "Holiness Unto the Lord" will be emphasized in every way possible, underscoring the holiness heritage of the Church of God. The prospect is for some of the best "old-time" holiness reading this generation has experienced. The editor is enthusiastic about the theme that was reasserted at the Assembly of 1958.

Another bright spot of the recent year was the calibre of books published on our presses. There were four of them: *Your Pentecostal Neighbor*, a study of Pentecostal belief, by Earl P. Paulk, Jr.; *When Dust Shall Sing*, brilliant prophetic studies, by George L. Britt; *Church of God Polity*, an analysis of our faith and practices, by R. H. Gause; *The Evangel Reader*, an anthology of the best from the *Evangel* through forty-eight years, by Charles W. Conn.

Next year we hope to continue concrete advancement in the book publishing field. Three books are already scheduled and two of them have already been editorially completed. They will appear soon, with the third published later in the year.

Lewis J. Willis was appointed Director of Sunday School and Youth Literature at the recent Assembly. This means that in addition to *The Lighted Pathway*, the preparation of our Sunday School material will receive his skilled direction and coordination. We begin the year with a regrettable loss in the department. Ill health has caused the resignation of LaVerne Selman, one of our most capable writers, who has so brilliantly prepared the Youth Challenge series and has created the new Junior Hi Challenge. Sister Selman's ability will not be easily replaced. It is hoped that all our readers will pray for her body to be strengthened.

We, your Editorial Department, pledge anew our untiring efforts to exalt the name of Christ and edify His people in each publication that comes off our presses. I personally express my appreciation for the

dependable and unselfish labors of Irene Wales, beginner literature; Geneva Carroll, junior literature; LaVerne Selman, youth literature; R. H. Gause, adult literature; Ruby Beckman, nursery literature; Chloe Stewart, art director; Walter Ambrose, artist; Marilyn Sindle, artist; Kathryn Justinn, librarian; Alora Holloway, secretary to the Editor-in-Chief; Wynette Stevens, secretary to the Director of Sunday School and Youth literature; Glenna Sheppard, copy editor; Dorcas Headley, copy editor; and Lewis J. Willis, Director of Sunday School and Youth literature. These are your consecrated and capable ministers through the written word, whose dedicated efficiency is a blessing of God to the Church.



PURPOSE AND PLAN FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS



L. H. AULTMAN

General Executive Missions Secretary

IN EVERY DISPENSATION God has used man to carry out His work. That is true in our day, for our brethren have been greatly blessed with God's power in evangelizing the people who live in darkness.

"The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it" (Luke 16:16).

From the beginning of the grace dispensation, it has been the purpose of the Son of God to send this gospel to all the world. "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:15, 16). Jesus said, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have

commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:19, 20). We, as Christians, must remember that we have the hands, the feet, the minds, and the bodies that can be used of God if we will present them to Him in love and without blame.

Paul's Purpose

According to the record in the Book of Acts, Paul seemed to have the same purpose in mind that Christ had. The church at Antioch was always a busy church. By the time Paul could finish one missionary journey, the church would supply him with the monetary help for his next journey. We listen to him when he preached to the people that were afar off, "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3:19).

Our Purpose

It is the aim of the Foreign Missions Board to assist the church with whatever need it has and to send this gospel to every nation, to every country, to every family, and to every individual throughout the entire world. We feel that this is the purpose and plan of God to reach all people of the world regardless of race, creed, color, or sex.

Our Plan

The plan of the Foreign Missions Department is to continue our work in the 58 fields, in which God has given us the privilege to work at the present time, by setting up our educational program in every country as far as possible. With the effective educational program of the Church of God, our missionaries are reaching and training the natives by the hundreds. Our educational program has already been established in Angola, Nigeria, Barbados, British Honduras, Chile, Cuba, Haiti, Egypt, El Salvador, Germany, Guatemala, India, Jamaica, Jordan, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Puerto Rico, and Rhodesias.

It is our plan to reach out, as far as our funds will permit, to the man that is lost. Our work has already begun in Indonesia, Dutch East Indies, and British Guiana, South America. We also have requests to begin our work in Italy and Greece. With your help, we will be able to reach these and many others that are requesting by letter almost every day, "Come and help us."

A QUICK GLANCE BACKWARD AND AN EXCITING LOOK FORWARD!

THE "BACKWARD LOOK" becomes a pleasant experience when one can look back and realize, with a divine awareness, that past gains and accomplishments indicate the kindness of God upon the untiring efforts of those dedicated to the Sunday School and youth work ministry.

The gains in this department of our church must be credited to the great host of people who are daily dedicating themselves to this ripe field of evangelism. A wonderful National Sunday School and Youth Board, an efficient and dedicated national office staff, many fine state overseer-state Sunday School and youth director teams, and a multitude of district and local church workers can proudly share in the success of the Sunday School and Youth Department of our church.

Despite the worst winter in many areas of the United States in the past 50 or 60 years and a flu epidemic during the months of October and November, 1957, we can be proud of a fine total Sunday School attendance for the year, 1957-58, of 10,084,342, or a weekly average attendance of 193,930.

The vision to start new Sunday Schools this past year was certainly not lacking because 258 new Sunday Schools were started. We like to think of these as 258 new *soul-saving institutions*.

This past year was a record-breaking year for our Workers' Training Course program. Ten thousand, three hundred and one certificates were awarded to Sunday School workers. In the *past three years*, 28,492 certificates have been presented to those desiring to be more effective and more successful Sunday School workers. Thank God for the "training consciousness" that is being felt by Church of God workers everywhere.

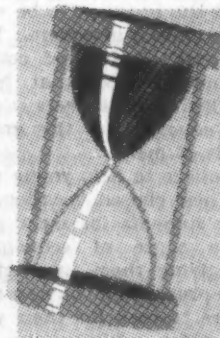
The report of 141 new Y.P.E.'s for the past year is also thrilling, but even more exciting is the fine gain we have experienced in spiritual results among our youth. Thirty five thousand and four hundred and sixty five were converted, 15,290 were sanctified, 11,204 were filled with the Holy Ghost, and 10,000 were added to the Church of God.

Forty eight youth camps were conducted with 7,368 registered campers—a fine increase in registration of 1,000. To emphasize the growth in youth camp activity, allow me to report that *during the past six years*, 30,453 have attended our youth camps, 7,466 have been converted, and 2,700 have joined the church.



O. W. POLEN

National Sunday School and
Youth Director



"Operation: Promotion"

One of the greatest and most successful programs of the 1957-58 church year was "Operation: Promotion," a series of promotional meetings sponsored by the National Sunday School and Youth Department planned for the specific benefit of pastors, Sunday School and youth workers, and interested laity, emphasizing, most of all, the need for more spiritual power. The result of these meetings was a direct contact with approximately 10,000 persons who, from their own statements, are now better informed Sunday School and youth workers. Attendance in these meetings was gratifying, and the interest was beyond our expectation.

Space will not permit an elaborate breakdown of the progress being made in the various areas of Sunday School and youth work, but surely all who are

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FOR OVER FORTY YEARS, Lee College has been striving to meet the educational and spiritual needs of the youth of the Church of God. It is our aim to combine the forces of education and religion in promoting the church and the kingdom of God on the earth. The institution's purpose is to develop the highest in Christian character and to cultivate a love for the richer, finer things of life. It seeks to develop in its students a knowledge of and love for the Bible, literature, and the arts and sciences, so that this knowledge may be used for the progress of man and the promotion of God's kingdom.

It has always been the desire of the administration and the faculty to present to our people a well-rounded Pentecostal educational program. Lee College was originally founded as a Bible School for the expressed purpose of promoting spiritual ideals and for the training of ministers and Christian workers. The program has been broadened in the last few years to include the academic training of our youth as well as the advanced training of our ministers. The need for well-trained youth workers, choir leaders, secretaries, and teachers has caused the program to be expanded to meet the needs of the church in general. This task is to be accomplished through God-called, consecrated men and women. The church believes that these ministers, teachers, and Christian workers should be thoroughly trained and educated for this great work of dealing with the souls of men.

It is the aim of Lee College to help young men and women to prepare for their chosen vocations in life. Lee College is preparing students for social and personal adequacy and a sense of economic self-sufficiency, as well as giving them intellectual and spiritual insight into the problems of human relations. Men and women who are trained for their vocations or professions make greater contributions to both Christianity and society. Our graduates can now be found in all parts of the world. They are doing various types of work but all for the Master. It is with keen anticipation that we look forward to a much larger contribution in the years to come.

Lee College is fortunate in having an outstanding and distinguished faculty to teach the youth of the church. The faculty is well trained academically and is spiritually prepared to render service to our youth.

This last year has been a wonderful year. God has helped us to make many changes on the campus and improve the existing facilities. One of the new additions that has contributed much to the spiritual life of the students is the new campus chaplain. We are fortunate to have Rev. Robert Stevens, a former missionary to Japan and also an alumnus of Lee, to serve in this capacity. The counseling that he does with the students, along with his preparation for chapel services, helps the students to enjoy life at Lee.



R. L. PLATT

President of Lee College

LEE COLLEGE IN 1959

The Alumni Association has been especially active this last year. They have been able to initiate a new program that will have long range benefits. The beginning of the Avis Swiger Loan Fund has been beyond all expectations. Contributions have come in sufficient to make two loans during this present academic year. With the faithful support of the alumni, it is hoped that many more of our people will be able to attend Lee College.

A precedent was set up at the last General Assembly when the ministers passed a measure to add lay members to the Lee College Board of Directors. The lay members selected to serve on the board are J. P. Johnson of Nashville, Tennessee, and Lee Watson of Atlanta, Georgia.

Lee College sincerely appreciates the fine support that the ministers, laymen, and friends are giving to our total educational program. As we enter into the new year, Lee College solicits your prayers and cooperation.

From religion
and undisciplined
nature God and the Father
is this
To win the children
and witness
in their affliction
and to help himself
and the world
—James 1:17



CECIL BRIDGES

Superintendent of Church of God
Home for Children

YOUR CHILDREN'S HOME

IN THINKING OVER THE PAST year of all the many accomplishments that have been made, I feel they are too numerous to mention, but some are so outstanding that you will be interested in knowing about them.

We have experienced some of the greatest blessings this past year that I have ever experienced in my Christian ministry. We began the year of 1958 with a determination to win every boy and girl to Christ, if possible. We had a revival in March and over fifty of our larger children received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. This was an experience that will long be remembered, especially by the children who had sought for this experience so long. Our church services have been much easier and more spiritual ever since that revival.

Immediately following the revival, our staff received all the material for the Daily Vacation Bible School and began to prepare for the greatest D.V.B.S. in the history of our home. I have never experienced a school as outstanding as this one. The results of the school will long be remembered by our children. They are constantly asking for more privileges of home devo-

tions, Bible studies, song festivals, and all types of worship that will enrich their souls. We are doing all within our power to see that their souls will be blessed by giving them some of the things they desire.

Following the D.V.B.S., we conducted a two-week singing school, which was the first school that had been conducted in years. The school proved almost as great a blessing as the revival two months prior to the school. A girls' chorus was organized, and they have had the privilege of singing on radio, television, before the Supreme Council, and in several of our churches near the home. Unless you have been a witness to it, you will never know what this has meant to our larger girls.

There are many other things that we feel the people on the field would like to know about our home, but space will not permit it. Financially, we are in need of your most prayerful consideration. The receipts from the field this past year were down again over the previous year, and we are earnestly praying that God will move upon you, as readers of the *Evangel*, to lend a helping hand to us. I am sure that each of you are well aware of the fact that the cost of living is extremely high and constantly rising. Our board felt that we could not ask the Supreme Council to approve a budget as large this year as we had last year, and we are faced with some of the greatest problems that we have faced in our home work. We know that the children need proper care in every respect, and yet the finances will not permit what we would like to do. We feel that we are justified in saying that if each church would average at least one penny per member per Sunday in Sunday School, that our needs would be adequately met. This seems like a very small amount, but I have found that in the last three months there are churches that haven't given one-half the amount we need from their Sunday School.

Another outstanding way that would greatly bless our home would be in sending coupons to us. Our cash and merchandise from coupons so far this fiscal year has already reached more than half what it did all last year combined, and at the time of this writing, it looks as if we will receive from the S & H Green Stamp Company a brand new 1959 Oldsmobile station wagon that retails at approximately \$4,500. This alone will mean a great help and will be quite a saving to the home.

Another item that has been most outstanding the last two years has been the fall festivals with the many wonderful items of merchandise sent to us by the various states.

Even though last year looked a little dim to us, I believe I can truthfully say for every employee and for all 256 children that we expect this coming year to be greater in every respect than 1958. We covet an interest in your prayers, and whenever you can, please stop by and pay us a visit.



E. C. THOMAS

Business Manager of Church of God
Publishing House

STATUS OF PUBLISHING HOUSE MESSAGE

THE LAST TWELVE MONTHS have come and gone very rapidly. I realize this more fully when I try to analyze the events of the past year, particularly in relationship to the publishing house.

I am deeply grateful to God and His people for the success of the publishing house during the past. For the last several years, it seems as if God has been affording His special favor to the publishing interests of the Church of God. Too, I feel that the constituency of the church has responded remarkably well to the publishing program.

Twelve months ago goals were set for sales, distribution, receipts, and production. For the first six months, everything seemed to go according to our production forecast. However, the last six months were filled with anxiety and concern because of the national economy. Our publishing house was affected in all areas by the national slump in business. Naturally our churches felt the financial slump because of the lack of work for many of the members. I am thankful

that at the time of this writing the national economy is regaining its proper position, and the future outlook is much brighter. I feel that we were blessed even during this minor recession because our business was not affected by it to the extent that many businesses were. This year we have endeavored to strengthen our production, service, and public relations. Though it is understood that the work of the publishing house is a ministry to and for the church, it must be operated as a business.

During the fiscal year of 1958, our plant has serviced 3500 Sunday School accounts quarterly, and quite a number of these were not Churches of God. We regularly service nearly 10,000 accounts which include Sunday Schools, churches, and personal accounts. Our publishing house has contributed nearly \$10,000 worth of free literature to new Sunday Schools and churches.

One of our most progressive steps was the installation of the Pathway Book Store, 231 South Church Street, Charlotte, North Carolina, on December 5, 1957. This store is the second in what I hope will be a chain of Pathway Book Stores throughout the nation. The purpose of each of these stores is to offer a service to the people in the respective area.

It is true that this year has been no different from others in that it has afforded a number of problems. Some of these problems are the constant increase in cost of production and the difficult problem in collecting accounts. Perhaps it seems to most people that the collection of accounts would be one of the least difficulties for a church plant. However, each year we are compelled to charge off approximately \$7500 in bad debts. These arise from both personal and church accounts. Needless to say, the only way a person can fully understand the problems of the Church of God Publishing House is to be in personal contact with its operation. Yet, in spite of these problems, we have had a very healthy and successful year, for which we are thankful.

With the analysis of 1958 in mind, I look toward 1959 with great anticipation, if the Lord should tarry. I feel that the problems and successes of the past will assist us in our preparation for the future. I predict that 1959 will be our greatest year in sales inasmuch as the national economy is recovering, thus eliminating some of the local financial problems. I feel one of the greatest contributing factors of our future success is the constant expansion of our church program which will have a definite influence upon our publishing interests. I believe this coming year will be the finest year that we will have had in our book-trade business under our trade name of Pathway Press. I am confident that our publications will be received with warm enthusiasm and will have a greater circulation than ever. Inasmuch as all of our tracts are in free distribution status, we expect to produce and distribute more tracts than ever. It is true that there will be more problems but with the help of the good Lord and the understanding of the people, we will be able to surmount them.

Our entire staff pledges to the church and its constituencies our full support to make this the greatest year of our publishing interests.

A QUICK GLANCE BACKWARD AND AN EXCITING LOOK FORWARD!

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familiar with this department's activities must join with us when we say that God is blessing this department of our church—just like He is all other departments—in a marvelous way.

The National Sunday School and Youth Department's "glance forward" is *really* exciting.

The greatest feature of our 1958-59 year is the department's **TEN GREAT REGIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH CONVENTIONS**. Right at the very time this report is being written, typewriters are "clicking," mimeograph machines are running, presses are printing, mail is being sent on its way, stage props are being built, and decorations for the display booths are being prepared. We are getting everything in readiness for what we believe will be the greatest regional convention year this department has ever experienced.

A quick glance at the yearly church calendar will show a year filled with challenging, attendance-building, interest-catching Sunday School and youth program features—all designed to help our churches win more souls for Christ.

Another big highlight of 1958-59 is "Branch Sunday School month which will be March, 1959. The theme for this endeavor will be: *"Let's Invade the Sunday School Frontiers!"* All over the nation, state overseers and state Sunday School and youth directors will be lending their support in the establishment of a great number of new Sunday Schools. Through faith, we see the establishment of "new settlements," many of which, we believe, will develop into strong churches if the Lord tarries.

The reports of the Y.P.E. enlargement campaign, which was sponsored during the month of October, are now arriving in the national office. These are gratifying. The new approach to attendance building through the "enlargement campaign" method is rewarding. Efforts to build attendance through visitation, tract distribution, spiritual emphasis, etc., cannot help but be successful.

One of the newest areas of Sunday School and youth work expansion for 1958-59 is found among the colored Churches of God. Mrs. Bernice J. Douse, the National Sunday School and Youth Directress, is an energetic Sunday School and youth work promoter with a great vision for training. Working closely with our National Sunday School and Youth Department, Sister Douse has been able to introduce our training program to her churches, and within a matter of only a few months, she has awarded 249 W.T.C. certificates and 96 Youth Leaders' Training Course certificates. We predict great growth among the colored Sunday Schools and Y.P.E.'s under the able leadership of this envisioned national directress.

One of the greatest thrills that can be experienced is to survey our Church of God Sunday Schools and Y.P.E.'s from a national level and detect the ever-

growing interest in and the ever-increasing appreciation for Sunday School and youth work among our Church of God ministers and laity everywhere.

A quick glance into the 1958-59 department's future "glows" with many bright rays of hope for success and expansion.

RECAPITULATION AND PREDICATION

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bership in the Church of God on the mission field of over 150,000, and with an additional 150,000 adherents who attend but are not members we can say of a surety, "The Lord hath helped us."

The Lord has helped us in the homeland. This past year has revealed some innovations in the work of the Lord to accelerate the progress. A full-time supervisor of our eastern Spanish work and a white supervisor of the colored churches are some of the new steps taken. Thousands of new members who were added to the church this last year, with a net gain of 142 new Churches of God, give reasons for proclaiming that the Lord has helped us. The Ladies' Willing Workers' Bands over the United States have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to pay on church debts and aid in getting this gospel to a lost world.

Now a word about the second part of the message—predication. "Thou crownest the year with thy goodness" is the promise extended to us for this new year. God's help in the past gives assurance of continued undergirding in the future. God will crown the year in making it possible to attain our goal for this coming year. We are interested in saving all that we can for God and the church. We are endued with a militant spirit of advancement. It is not enough just to hold ground gained. We must advance, and we believe that God will crown this year with His goodness. I believe that God will crown our efforts this year in attempting to satisfy the spiritual hunger of all who attend our services. God will crown our efforts this year in trying to create a hunger among those who are not of us until they cannot be satisfied until they join the church and find the fellowship that their soul is crying for. God will crown the year with His goodness in our efforts to fulfill the purpose for which God ordained the church. In being the light of the world and the salt of the earth, God will crown our year with His goodness.

I recall hearing Brother R. P. Johnson make a statement many years ago that "the future is as bright as the promises of God." That statement is true today, and for the future God holds out this affirmation in the words of the Psalmist, "Thou crownest the year with thy goodness."

Every shadow is caused by light. If you face the sun, the shadow will fall behind.

Unbelief closes the door of blessing and even God Himself cannot open it.



reports

The Ministers' Convention and Prayer Conference of Colorado

As the chilled autumn breeze wafted its way down the eastern slopes of the snow-capped Rockies into the capitol city of Colorado, the ministers and laymen gathered together at the Denver Church of God for the prayer conference and ministers' convention, October 1, 2, 1958.

As the brethren greeted one another, they brought messages of increases in Sunday Schools and Y.P.E.'s and of God's wonderful blessings in all services. We thank God for the progress Colorado has made since the Assembly.

Our state overseer, Brother James R. Ray, raised his hands in prayer over his people, and the sweet Spirit of God settled over the congregation. Unmindful of the cold rain that had begun to fall outside, we were basking in the sunshine of God's love.

We were privileged to have Brother James A. Cross, General Overseer, as our evening speaker. Our hearts burned within us as we listened to his Holy Ghost anointed message that Wednesday evening. Just knowing that "our confidence is in Him" uplifted us to higher heights in Christ.

Under the leadership of our host pastor, Brother V. B. Rains, we were all made to feel welcome and no one lacked a resting place that night.

Punctually at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, we met again for prayer, devotions, and worship. Under the able moderation of our state overseer, the ministers of the State discussed the agenda for the coming year, and truly the presence of God was in our midst as each item of business was brought to the floor, discussed, carried, and accepted by the Churches of God in Colorado. "As much as in me is," each worker determined to move the Church of God forward and upward for Christ.

This meeting was followed by a very timely message of "Brand—Philippians 6:17" delivered by Brother C. W. Batson, overseer of Wyoming. We left that service with these words ringing in our hearts, "We are shapen by the object of our adoration."

Although we had been made to sit in heavenly places already, God still poured out His blessings in the two remaining services. During the afternoon service, Brother Leslie Hendricks, pastor of the Pueblo Church of God, was ordained. We became serious and searched our hearts as Brother Cross delivered the "Charge" to our brother. Immediately following, the rafters echoed with the praises of God as Brother Ray preached, "A Man With His Convictions." We walked out of the prison of doubt and fear, men of convictions for Christ and Christ alone.

Could any one human soul contain more of the blessings of God than had been received and magnified during these services? Yet there was more to come as we feasted at the feet of our sooncoming King in the evening service. Brother Cross truly preached under the gracious inspiration of Jesus. We were made to realize, beyond a shadow of doubt, that "Our Eternal Refuge" is as near as our knees to the floor, and our future security is insured by His everlasting arms!

We were blessed throughout the convention with the many talents of the people from the various churches of Colorado. The convention was too short, but we had feasted upon four magnificent portions from His banquet table.

Again, we thank the Denver Church and Brother Rains for their untiring efforts to make everyone comfortable and welcome during our stay in Denver, and their very cordial L.W.W.B. which provided meals and after-service snacks so bountifully.

The ministers of Colorado left this prayer conference with a de-

termination to go forward with God and to take the message of pure, old-time holiness to His people. To have missed it would have been missing a portion of heaven on earth in the sweetness of God.

—Mrs. Evelyn Mangum,
Convention Clerk

Praise God for Increase in Sunday School

JOHNSTON CITY, Ill.—Sunday, August 31, will be long remembered as a red letter day for the church here at Johnston City. Our Sunday School superintendent, Brother James D. Roach, and our pastor, Rev. Alfred Trail, got together and decided on a special day to look forward to breaking our old record of 81. With the cooperation of our good people who invited others, and with faith and prayer, we were able to prove again it can be done. We are happy and give praise to God for the increase. Our new record is 108. We are indeed happy and are looking forward to a great year for the harvesting of souls.

—Reporter

Revival Spirit Prevails, Church Progresses

COLUMBIA, Miss.—The Church of God in Columbia, Mississippi, is certainly making progress by the help of God. The Y.P.E. recently closed a six-week contest. The attendance averaged 86. We raised \$417.00 to apply on the indebtedness. Our Sunday School averaged 104 for the month of October. Every department of the church is working hard and has a spirit of unity. The regular services are filled with the power of God with seekers in the altars at each service.

We recently closed a two-week revival with Rev. Leslie Kelly of Richland Creek, Mississippi, as the evangelist. A revival spirit prevailed even before the revival and many found God. Several were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Two united with the church and others are to come in. Many outstanding healings took place during the revival. One young man who was on crutches was prayed for and was gloriously healed. He left the service with his crutches on his shoulder. Another man who was in shock from a car wreck was instantly healed and returned to his work praising God. Many others, too numerous to mention, were healed by the mighty power of God. Truly it was an outstanding revival. Brother Kelly is a man of God and would do any church good.

—Walter P. Atkinson, pastor

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The lesson section

The 12 to 14-year-old is different. He sometimes is an awkward, stumbling, self-conscious individual with an active appetite for food, attention and a chance to establish himself with his age group. The adolescent feels that no one understands or appreciates him because he does not understand himself. To combat this period of emotional stress and strain, the weekly Bible lesson is presented in the language and the understanding of the older Junior. Since this is an age of decisions, the over-all plan of each lesson is to point the sinner toward the acceptance of Christ and to establish the Christian in the faith.

In most lessons, only the Bible is used in the lesson commentary. These Bible-centered lessons are intended to give the Junior High student something solid and practical. Bible puzzles and quizzes are often included to provoke interest in Bible characters and facts.

Each lesson is intended to make the lesson live in the life of the pupil. This is the plan Christ followed. He not only taught His followers, but He also saw to it that they applied in their daily lives what He taught them. The adolescent is taught to live a Christ-like life. Varying approaches are taken in the lesson to bring about the end.

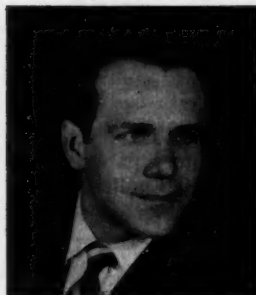
Workers with 12 to 14-year-olds

Did you know that the F. B. I. Director, J. Edgar Hoover, states that the church is losing approximately 7 out of 8 pupils by the time they reach 15 years of age? This means that the Junior High teacher is the last link of the church to hold 7 out of 8 pupils. If the Junior High teacher fails, the church has failed. What are you doing for your Junior High pupils? Are you providing a special class for this group? Are you using the Junior HI Challenge to teach them on the level of their language and understanding? Are you doing your best to capture to Christ all the Junior High pupils in your church? Will you chain the 12 to 14-year-olds to Christ and the church, or will you allow the Junior High link to break, losing those pupils from Christ and the church to the world? Teacher, you hold the keys to eternity for the Junior High pupils in your class!

The Youth Teacher's quarterly is used by the teacher of the Junior High group. It has a special application section for the 12 to 14-year-olds.

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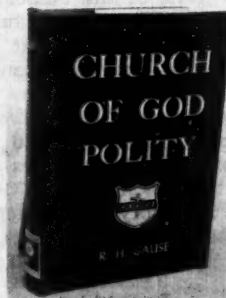
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